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SUBJECT: BENIN MISSION PROTESTS BREAKING OF MISSION WINDOW

REF: STATE'S 296569; USUN 6836, 6808, 6807,

COTONOU'S 1937 AND USUN 6866

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE DATED DECEMBER 17, 1975 FROM BENIN MISSION INFORMING THAT ON DECEMBER 13, LARGE STONE WAS THROWN AGAINST WINDOWS OF BENIN MISSION BREAKING AN OFFICE WINDOW. NOTE ALSO STATES THAT ON SAME NIGHT, AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO BREAK INTO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN RIVERDALE, BRONX, NY. ATTACHED TO NOTE IS JDL LEAFLET SENT TO SELECTED MISSIONS THREATENING HARASSMENT OF DIPLOMATS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

2. TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE
SUMMARY TRANSLATION BENIN (FORMERLY

DAHOMAY) PERMANENT MISSION NOTE TO US MISSION 12/17/75:
INFORMS THAT A LARGE STONE WAS HURLED AGAINST THE WINDOWS OF THE BUILDING HOUSING THE BENIN PERM. MISSION ON THE NIGHT OF DEC. 13-14 (SAT.-SUN.), BREAKING WINDOWS OF AN OFFICE. ALSO POINTS OUT THAT ON THE SAME NIGHT, ATTEMPTS TO BREAK INTO THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN RIVERDALE, THE BRONX, WERE
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MADE. CONSIDERING THAT THESE DEEDS WERE NOT LIMITED TO

THEIR (BENIN'S) MISSION ON SAME NIGHT, ASKS PERM. MISSION
OF US, AS HOST COUNTRY, TO HAVE WHATEVER STEPS IT WOULD LIKE
TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY MEASURES AROUND THE (BENIN) PERM. MISSION
AND RESIDENCE.

ENCLOSURE: COPY OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE LETTER, 12-13-75,
ADDRESSED TO "UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES OF ...BENIN,..."
WHICH 'VOTED AGAINST ZIONISM'
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QUOTE
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE
SATURDAY NIGHT 13 DECEMBER 1975

TO THE UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES OF PAKISTAN, DAHOMEY,
THAILAND, BULGARIA, YUGOSLOVIA, POLAND, INDIA, SOVIET RUSSIA,
INDONESIA MONGOLIA, AND EGYPT:
TODAY IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF OUR CAMPAIGN OF BEHALF OF
SYRIAN JEWRY. YOUR COUNTRY VOTED AGAINST ZIONISM AND AGAINST
THE RIGHT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO A LAND OF OUR OWN. FINE.
WE NOW DEMAND THAT YOU DO FOR SYRIAN JEWRY THE SAME THAT YOU HAVE
DONE FOR THE SO-CALLED "PALESTINIANS". SYRIAN RACISTS HAVE
REPEATEDLY DENIED THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENT JEWS AND HAVE COMMITTED
BARBARIC ACTS, IN THE PROCESS.
IF YOU DO NOT DO FOR SYRIAN JEWS WHAT YOU DO FOR THE SO-CALLED
"P.L.O.", WE SHALL DO FOR YOU WHAT THE SO-CALLED "P.L.O." DOES
FOR SYRIAN JEWS.
WE APPLAUD ALL WHO HARASS YOUR REPRESENTATIVES, DIPLOMATS, WOMEN,
AND CHILDREN. WE APPLAUD ALL WHO SMASH YOUR WINDOWS, DEFACE
YOUR BUILDINGS, DAMAGE YOUR PROPERTY, AND INTERFERE WITH YOUR
NORMAL ROUTINES.
WE ARE A DESPERATE PEOPLE, WHO HAVE NO INTENTION OF BEING SUBJECTED
TO ANY FURTHER ABUSE BY NATIONS OF YOUR TYPE. NEVER AGAIN.
THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE
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3. BENIN MISSION IS BEING INFORMED THAT JDL LEAFLET
HAS BEEN SENT TO OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY FOR SOUTHERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR STUDY IN CONNECTION WITH
POSSIBLE PROSECUTION UNDER ACT FOR PROTECTION OF
FOREIGN OFFICIALS OR OTHER FEDERAL LAWS. FURTHER,
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THAT POLICE ARE ALERTED TO JDL THREAT AND ARE TAKING
APPROPRIATE ACTION. INVESTIGATION OF ATTEMPTED BREAK-
IN AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED.
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